Ladysmith Federation

Year 5 Topic Overview - 2019/2020

	Mayans	Was the moon landing real?	Around the World
Big Questions	Who were the Mayans? Where is Mexico? Why did the Mayans settle in Yucatan Peninsula? How did Mayans trade across their empire?	Who has been on the moon? Why was it important? How did they get to the moon? What training did they need?	How are the earth's natural resources distributed? Where are the most populated places on earth? Which continents generate the most waste?
Key texts	Rain Player Shackleton's Journey Coco Film Incredible Edibles Various Poems - Descriptaurus	Where we once stood Trailblazers: Neil Armstrong Apollo 13	What's where in the World What's where in the World (history
Writing Genres	Instructional Texts Historical stories Poetry Recount Setting description	Diary Entry Character description Information text Biography	News report Recount Non-Chronological Reports
Trips and visits	Pizza Express Theatre Fire Safety	Science Dome – Space Dawn of the Space Age experience. Star gazing sleepover.	Ladysmith Festival Pool Party Recycling Centre Visit
Creative Opportunities	Hot Chocolate Printing press Model Cenotes Stelae drawings Mayan Pyramid models Draw a sinkhole using illusion techniques Abstract paintings of Mexico	Make and launch rockets Planet Making STEM – Rockets Space Suits Hands	3D maps – barefoot atlas Festival Food Landmarks around the world Cultural Dress
Debates	Should we trade neighbouring tribes? How should we deal with the Spanish?	Should we try to land on more plants? Is there other life in the galaxy?	Should we open more fossil fuel plants? Should 'the West' be doing more to help other countries?
Food Tech Opps	Hot Chocolate Pizza making Mexican street food Make flatbreads	The diet of an astronaut	Foods from different cultures